

*The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association
presents the*

Eggs, Honey & Roses Tour

September 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m to noon



*A free self guided walking tour of chicken coops, beehives, and gardens in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.
Printed brochures are available at 459 Sidney or 917 E. Dayton the day of the tour.
Held rain or shine. A map is on the back page.*



Coop



Beehive



Garden

1) 459 Sidney - Alan Crossley and Karen Crossley



We've been chicken farming since September 2011. Our coop is in the back of our garage and has a window, one nest box and a dropping pit under the roost. Our original girls: a Delaware, New Hampshire, Aurocana/Americana and a Silver-laced Wyandotte are running on empty after five laying seasons. In August we only got 18 eggs from the four of them. But they have produced just shy of 2500 eggs over the last five years. Not bad at all really. Way more than the two of us could eat. We are hoping to start some new girls in the spring.

2) 422 Sidney Street – Claire Cowan and Michael Pancook



We started chicken farming with four hens in the Coop d'Etat in July 2011. We ordered day-old chicks from myatchicken.com so we could try a variety of breeds. Natural attrition has culled the original flock down to one sole survivor, Bukharin, a barred Plymouth rock who walks with a limp, loves begging for treats, and still lays every other day in summer. Thinking she might be feeling a bit lonely we recently got her a roommate, Ida B Wells, from another friend whose flock was down to one hen. These two grumpy old ladies are still in the process of acclimating to each other but we trust they will be on their best behavior for the tour.

3) 461 North Few - Tony Sturm and Erica Turner



When we moved back to the east side last summer, our new home came complete with a nicely constructed coop using indoor space from an outdoor shed and a fully enclosed outdoor run. The coop has a window, two nest boxes, and a dropping pit under the roost. The run is covered with a clear corrugated roof. In the winter, we use salvaged sliding glass doors as walls for the outdoor run, which provides protection from snow and wind. In the summer, we add a shade cover to the clear plastic roof. We have year-old Amer-icaunas, and Barred Rock and 2 Polish chickens we raised from chicks this year but haven't yet laid for us. The coop has been lower maintenance than we expected; top up food and water every week or so and change the litter every month.

4) 461 North Baldwin - Marta Staple and David Staple



Our coop was built into an existing garden shed, and incorporates both enclosed and outdoor run areas. This is our second group of chickens since 2010 and includes an Easter egger from our original flock who lays beautiful green eggs despite her 6 years of age. We have three other chickens all 3 years old, and they are a large white Brahma who is our alpha chicken, a partridge Rock hen, and an iridescent black Australorp. They are all winter hardy and good layers.

5) 209 North Baldwin - Ryan Henke



I finally made the plunge into the world of backyard chickens after having walked the Tour several years. I came up with the coop design and was aided by my father who not only had a killer set of tools but decades of experience as a wood pattern maker. Save for the wire, roof edging, run framing and hardware, all other materials are repurposed scrap and workplace leftovers. Early and T-Bone are the near identical pair of blue-laced red Wyandottes, while Joey Jo-Jo is the black-colored Easter egger. When not snacking on whatever backyard plants look tasty at the time, they warily eye car traffic on Baldwin on the rare instance when they venture into the front yard.

6) 1316 E. Mifflin – Ryan and Tina Elliott



We just moved into 1316 E. Mifflin St., after driving for over 24 hours from Durango, Colorado with our 15,000+ bees in the back seat. We have been beekeepers for about a year and a half. Unfortunately our first hive died from a cold winter and European foulbrood in Colorado. The next spring we were on a bike ride in Hidden Valley and were suddenly surrounded by a cloud of bees. We followed the swarm up the mountain, found the hive and decided to capture the swarm. They have been happily making our top-bar “bee mansion” (built by Ryan) home ever since and have provided two rounds of honey harvest since May! Finding them was truly a mystical, miraculous, and spiritual experience for us. Come by to see this huge, robust hive, named “Mountain Madonnas”, and learn about our beekeeping style!

7) 1137 E. Dayton – Peter and Andrea Robertson



Peter and Andrea have had a coop in their backyard since 2004. They deliberately made their coop “critter-proof” because of the roving raccoons in the neighborhood. Peter and Andrea own RP's Pasta – no doubt their eggs are put to good use in their pasta dishes!

8) Corner of E. Dayton/N. Brearly - Lapham Garden



Lapham Garden is a school garden that serves as an outdoor classroom and a community garden. Founded in 1998, it is Madison's oldest school vegetable garden! Since its inception, teachers, parents and community members have experimented with various operation and maintenance models including a community garden approach wherein community members worked their own garden plots. The PTG contracted with

Community GroundWorks, a non-profit in Madison, to hire a Gardener-in-Residence for the 2012 growing season. Our Gardener-in-Residence Program ensures student access to the outdoor classroom, provides garden maintenance planning, performs financial tracking and communication and provides some volunteer coordination. In 2014, Lapham Garden expanded to 8,008 square feet! Our garden features seventeen garden beds, an innovative drip-line irrigation system, rain barrels, an outdoor kitchen, a compost windrow, worm bins, a sound sculpture garden, a ceramic tile welcome sign made by the students, a living stage, a stump circle, and a fruit tree orchard consisting of pears, apples, cherries, mulberries, elderberries, aronia bushes and a huge overbearing raspberry patch.

9) 944 E. Dayton – Mike and June Goglio



I am a first-year beekeeper. Most beekeepers use Langstroth boxes to keep bees but I have a top-bar hive which is a single-story frameless beehive. The major difference from traditional Langstroth beehives is that in a top bar hive the bees build comb on provided bars rather than a preexisting framework. It is a horizontal configuration that somewhat simulates a fallen tree log hive. Top bar hives are less conducive to honey production initially due to building comb from scratch and difficulty in extracting honey as there is no framework to “spin” honey from combs. My top bar hive was built from a 3/4”x10”x 10’ cedar board and materials I had on hand.

10) 917 E. Dayton – Bob Shaw



I have kept bees in my backyard for over 25 years. I have the traditional Langstroth hive with Italian bees. My bees overwintered this year and I extracted twice, in early July and early August, getting 6 ½ gallons of honey. I won’t do another extraction this year as I want to leave the bees with enough honey to overwinter again. Both the back and front yards are intensively planted with perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs. The vine in back on the western edge of the lot line is Spanish flag (*Mina lobata*) which is now attracting hummingbirds during their fall migration. In the back by the garage is Mexican sunflower (*Tithonia rotundifolia*) which is a favorite of the monarch butterfly.



11) 746 E. Gorham – Sonja Moskalik and Jim Roper



Our garden is a somewhat haphazard mix of whatever takes our fancy when spring arrives. This year we have planted way too many tomatoes and have cucumbers coming out of our ears. We love to put out many containers of flowers as well, and are lucky to have a mix of sunny spots, shady spots, and dappled areas. 22 years ago when we moved into the house we got permission to garden in the adjoining area of James Madison Park, so that spills over as well with plants we thin from the garden and more veggies. The raised wall in the back yard and the steel fence were built by us from architectural finds we found in salvage yards, but the real beauty is our view of Lake Mendota.

12) 704 E. Gorham – Bob Klebba and David Waugh



When we bought our property a couple of years ago, it had been abandoned for seven years and was completely overgrown with buckthorn, box elder and many other invasive species. There was nothing to salvage but a few long lived tulips, a sedum, and a hosta. With the threat of lingering invasive species to fight off, our garden strategy is to fill the garden with exotic annuals incorporating both unusual foliage and long bloom times, such as Australian tree ferns and brugmansia. We also have an exotic succulent section. Each year we are incorporating more and more perennials. Be sure to go completely around the house and sit a spell on the back glider and sip some available lemonade. For those wishing an indoor tour of the B&B, the first floor will also be available for viewing.

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